

**COUNCIL POLICY****CURRENT**

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FROM  
CALIFORNIA'S PRISON INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (PIA)  
POLICY NO.: 100-16  
EFFECTIVE DATE: February 11, 1991

**BACKGROUND:**

The Prison Industry Authority (PIA), formerly California Correctional Industries, has been serving California since 1947. Through its inmate labor program, the PIA produces a wide variety of goods and services for sale to federal, state, and local agencies. It relies upon the sale of these products and services to fund its program.

Before approving any new enterprise, California's Prison Industry Board conducts public hearings to determine the operation's potential impact on the private sector. Only those enterprises which will not have a substantial adverse effect on California industry win Board approval.

Locally, at the R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility in Otay Mesa, the following facilities and services are or will soon be operational: vehicle repair and refurbishment, new furniture manufacture, furniture refinishing and repair, laundry, sandblasting, and upholstery.

**PURPOSE:**

It is the intent of the City Council to encourage and facilitate the procurement of products and services from the California Prison Industry Authority (PIA) for use by the City of San Diego. Both the local and state facilities provide opportunities for the City of San Diego to purchase products and services at reasonable prices, while supporting the State Correctional System's goal to rehabilitate and provide useful work and trade experiences for its prison inmate population. The benefits of inmate employment include not only reduced idleness and unrest in our prisons, but also hard dollar savings, according to State officials.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the City Council that:

- A. City of San Diego departments shall be encouraged to consider the utilization of products or services produced by the California Prison Industry Authority (PIA), whenever those products or services could fulfill the requirements of the City.
- B. The Purchasing Agent shall be authorized to negotiate for and procure, without competitive bidding, products or services which fulfill the requirements of the City, subject to the determination of a fair and reasonable price. The Purchasing Agent shall advise requesting departments of the availability of PIA products and services and shall make the final decision to procure PIA products and services only when the requesting department has determined that PIA products and services are acceptable based upon product or service quality.
- C. No premiums over fair market value will be paid for PIA products and services.

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HISTORY:

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